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May 4, 1999

Ken Th omasma
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Dear Ken:

Today the Sacajawea coin will be dedicated. The book and the information you sent me on Sacajawea were the cornerstone on which we built our request for Sacajawea to be featured on the new dollar -- the golden dollar of the new millennium. Without your timely and thorough help the coin would have lost this significant opportunity.

You have truly been an inspiration. Thanks again for this special copy of your book. A book has to be the most long-lasting gift a person can receive.

Thanks again for all your help.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Mike Enzi".

Michael B. Enzi
United States Senator

*You cause history as well
as write about it.
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Mr. Ken Thomasma
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Dear Mr. Thomasma:

Thank you for your May 17th letter expressing your excitement about the Sacagawea dollar coin. The U.S. Mint certainly appreciates your personal support of the project and the efforts you have made to rally your colleagues as well. We were thrilled that you were able to join us for the White House ceremony in May--it certainly was a memorable occasion!

Your book, The Truth About Sacajawea, has been a phenomenal resource for us. The dollar coin project team has referred to it numerous times to obtain the background information that was necessary to form the website and inform the public. They mentioned that they found the quotes you included from the primary sources to be especially helpful. I would like to thank you again for providing us with such an outstanding book.

In addition to lending us your historical expertise, I would also like to express my appreciation for your assistance in helping us reach out to the Shoshone communities. Your knowledge in that area is invaluable and we are so fortunate to have your support and dedication.

Sincerely,

Philip N. Diehl
Director
United States Mint

Margo Russell

Yeager

October 25, 1999

Dear Jack:--

I am so excited about *The Truth About Sacajawea*! The whole numismatic world must know about it, and I am lending my dual autographed copy to Beth Deisher, editor of *Coin World* with the hope she'll give it publicity. I want the United States Mint to know about it, too, so I've ordered extra copies, to send to Philip Diehl, Director of the Mint; one for the local library, one for to Eric Newman, an ardent scholar of the Lewis & Clark Expedition, and one for Dave Bowers. Every collector who buys one of the new Sacajawea coins next year should have a copy!

But mostly, this letter is to bless you for sharing it with me! I so prize the distinctive Yeager autograph as well as that of Historian Thomasma. I know now why the book is especially meaningful to you, the link between your Jackson Hole residency and the author. No wonder you are excited about it!

Kenneth Thomasma is a great talent. He captures one of the most colorful and romantic chapters in our nation's history with accuracy, skill and reader appeal. Now because of the beautiful coin, his book becomes numismatic history as well. And I admire him so much for all seven of his Amazing Indian Children series.

I've read *Sacajawea* three times--first to review the "truth", then to admire the clever graphics--the interesting breaks in the type and the script text. I saved a study of Agnes Vincen Talbot's dramatic illustrations for the third reading.

Again, thank you for the book, but more than that, for your friendship and your example, your zest for life! You and Jill remind me of our marriage. Although it was interrupted by death, we stored up enough precious memories to sustain me. That's what you two are doing! Keep right on building those memories! Cherish and enjoy every minute!

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November 13, 1999

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Dear Margo,

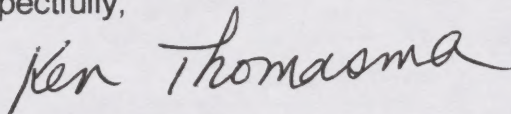
Dr. Jack Yeager shared your October 25, letter to him with me. I want to personally thank you for the wonderful comments you made regarding my book, THE TRUTH ABOUT SACAJAWEA. I wanted to set the record straight regarding her contribution to the epic Lewis and Clark Expedition. There is so much mis-information out there regarding her that I felt compelled to write my book. It was published in 1997, the same year Congress passed legislation for the new dollar coin.

I immediately sent copies of my book to Secretary Rubin at the Treasury Department. Seven months later the citizens' committee met in Philadelphia and voted 6-1 to put Sacajawea on the new coin. For four months we had to battle Rep. Michael Castle of Delaware as he tried twice to pass legislation to take her off the coin. Senators Dorgan of North Dakota and Enzi of Wyoming successfully worked with us to stop both his attempts. See the enclosed letter from Senator Enzi.

I am working with the Mint to promote the coin. I have been speaking to thousands of people wherever folks are willing to listen. The title of my talk is "Sacajawea: A Child Undaunted by Adversity". The response has been overwhelming. The ultimate goal is to wean our society away from the paper/cotton dollar bill. It will save us millions in re-printing costs. We have no right to complain about government waste when we are the problem. I will be sending you more info on the campaign to make the Sacagawea Dollar Coin a roaring success. We will do it through education. We will win one recruit at a time to help with the cause.

Margo, the last paragraph in your letter to Dr. Jack was a window to your soul and the view was inspiring. Thank you for all you are doing to brighten lives. Hope you enjoy a few gift books. I'm sure you will find ways to use them.

Respectfully,



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November 22, 1999

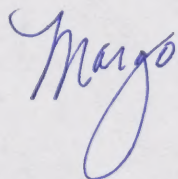
Dear Eric:

I--Happy Thanksgiving!

II--I so wanted you to have a copy of *The Truth about Sacajawea* in time for the debut of the new dollar. Before I could get my order filled, the author generously sent me three hardbound, autographed copies. (It comes in paperback as well).

How did I learn about the book? Dr. Jack Yeager, an ardent numismatist, from Mobile, AL, and Jackson Hole, WY., and I were fellow Assay Commissioners. He and his wife, Jill, and I have maintained our friendship over the years. He was so enthusiastic about the book and sent me a copy. The enclosed correspondence explains the rest.

As always, best to you and your wonderful Evelyn. Have a great trip! I'm happy I haven't been drummed out of the corps! I hope you find the other material I've enclosed interesting.



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